

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Marc E. Elias, Esquire Perkins Coie, LLP 607 Fourteenth Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20005 December 15, 2000

RE: MUR 5158

Robb for the Senate; J. Howard Middleton, as treasurer; Carnahan for Senate Committee; and Rebecca Lambe, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Elias:

This is in response to your letter dated December 13, 2000, requesting an extension of until January 9, 2001, to respond to the complaint in the above-noted matter.

Considering the Federal Election Commission's responsibilities to act expeditiously in the conduct of investigations, the Office of General Counsel cannot grant your full request, but can only agree to an extension until January 4, 2000. Accordingly, the response is due by close of business on January 4, 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Jeff S. Jordan

Supervisory Attorney

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